

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks.

II. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application.

Claims 9 and 22 have been amended herein. These amendments are supported by the specification as filed.

Claims 9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 1-8, 10-21, and 23-34 have been allowed.

III. Rejections of Claims

Claims 9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. (Office Action at ¶ 2.) Specifically, the Examiner states that the phrase “such as” appearing in these claims “renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.” *Id.* In this response, Applicants have amended these claims to remove the language to which the Examiner has objected. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections to claims 9 and 22.

The Examiner stated that claims 9 and 22 “would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. [§] 112, second paragraph.” (Office Action at ¶ 4.) As Applicants have amended these claims in accordance with the Examiner’s request, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 9 and 22 as presented herein are allowable.

IV. Allowed Claims

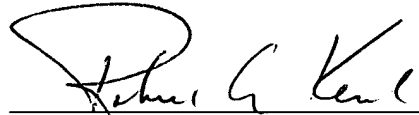
In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8, 10-21, and 23-34. (See Office Action at ¶ 5.) Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are still allowable, and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance thereof.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with this filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to the Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300.

Respectfully submitted,

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